I want to encourage that the CT House pass the HB 5140 to stop the hand harvesting of Horseshoe Crabs on the Connecticut shore. First and foremost, the horseshoe crab numbers have been dwindling and the harvesting is allowed to be done when the females are laying their eggs close to shore. I have noticed a significant drop in the past 15 years and am very concerned as their blood is also used for medical use as well. If we continue to allow the harvesting as its going now, we will not have enough for the medical use in the future, besides the fact that they are one of the oldest creatures on earth and they need to be protected! They are harmless and a testament to the health of the LI Sound. Please pass this bill to protect the horseshoe crabs on our shores!

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